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KA **Goals and Objectives** (See IB)

KA

The goal of educational public relations is to facilitate a process of communication between the district and its internal and external publics. The

public relations program is intended to develop better public understanding of the district's goals, objectives, accomplishments, and needs.

The community shall be informed about school functions and activities, the accreditation status of each school, and the progress of school improvement efforts. Patron involvement is encouraged.

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KB Public Information Programs (See CEE, CEF, CG and KBA) KB

The board shall keep the public informed about the school system's functions and operations.

Newsletters and other Media

The board may issue a patron newsletter. The superintendent shall be responsible for the content of the district newsletter and other district-sponsored media or publications.

The superintendent shall direct the dissemination of district information and report to the board as requested.

When approved by the principal, attendance center announcements or school-related information may be sent home with students.

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KBA District or School Web Sites KBA
(See ECH, II, IIBG, JR et seq. and KB)

The board may establish a district web site and may allow creation of web sites for individual schools. A district web site shall be under the control of the USD 353 Technology Director and school web sites shall be supervised by the principal or the USD 353 Technology Director.

Web Site Rules

Detailed rules relating to web sites are found in appropriate handbooks or in documents approved by the board and filed with the clerk and/or principals.

School rules shall include the following areas:

- data privacy and FERPA regulations;
- copyright rules, relating to access and use of materials and the property rights of the district, students or employees who create material;
- board and administration shall determine web site content and monitor use by employees and students.

District and school web sites are maintained to support the public relations and educational programs of the district and/or the schools. Web sites may be modified or terminated at any time by board action.

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SAMPLE HANDBOOK LANGUAGE / FORMS FOR DISTRICT USE AFTER BOARD APPROVAL

General Information

Student Privacy Rights (See JRB)

Identifiable student images shall not be posted on district or school websites without prior written permission from the student and, if under 18, the student's parent or guardian. The mailing address, telephone number or other personally identifiable information about any student shall not be posted on district or school web sites. All applicable requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) shall be followed.

Copyrighted Material Posted On Websites (See KBA)

Any original materials created by students are owned by those students. Original materials will not be posted on district or school web sites without prior written permission of the student who created the work. Principal shall be in charge of monitoring permission to post copyrighted materials.

Software Copyright (See ECH)

Software acquired by staff using district or school web sites, and installed on district computers, must comply with copyright laws. Proof of purchase (copy or original) must be filed in the district office.

Downloading Copyrighted Materials (ECH)

Students and staff shall not download copyrighted materials without prior, written permission being obtained from the author or creator of the material in question. See ECH for "fair use exceptions" which may allow for limited use of copyrighted materials.

KBC Media Relations

KBC

Upon presentation of proper credentials, media members on assignment will be admitted free of charge to all school extra curricular activities. To the extent possible, space will be provided at sporting and special events for members of the working media to cover extra curricular activities.

Broadcasting and Taping

The superintendent is authorized to establish rules and regulations for broadcasting and taping district activities.

The appropriate building principal shall be responsible for determining eligibility and issuing passes to press members on assignment to cover school events. Members of the broadcast media shall notify the superintendent prior to the event they wish to cover so arrangements may be made for their equipment.

News Releases

News and information concerning building events and programs may be released to the media with the approval of the principal. District news releases prepared for public distribution by district employees or students shall have the superintendent's approval prior to release. The superintendent shall, upon request, prepare official district news releases for the board.

KCA Protection of Privacy Rights

KCA

The superintendent, the board of education, and district staff shall protect the right of privacy of students and their families in connection with any surveys or physical examinations conducted, assisted, or authorized by the board or administration. The district shall provide parents notice of their rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment and the Student Data Privacy Act as required by law.

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KCB Custodial and Non-Custodial Parent Rights

KCB

The district recognizes that divorced parents continue to share caregiving and custody of their children and that each parent, if not otherwise prohibited by court order, should have equal access to information regarding his/her child's

school progress and activities. The district recognizes the value of providing information to both parents regarding school progress and activities pertaining to their child(ren).

Upon request to a child's principal, either parent may obtain copies of school information such as report cards and progress reports.

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KDC Solicitations (See GAI)

KDC

The board shall discourage all solicitations of and by staff members during regular school hours and at school-sponsored activities.

Agents, solicitors and salesmen shall not be permitted to take time of teachers or students from educational activities. The students and faculty of the district shall not promote commercial or private financial interests, either through direct sales or through promotion of competitive goods or services.

This rule applies to those activities, promotions and sales originating outside the school. Exception to this rule may be made as outlined below.

Materials and projects submitted for consideration under this rule must be made in writing to the superintendent. Requests will be considered in light of the proposal's direct contribution to the educational values in the school. Consideration shall be on the basis of unreasonably added work for staff members.

Any individuals or organizations violating the policy on solicitations shall be reported to the board by the superintendent. Violators may be denied further access to school premises by board action.

Approved: 4/07

KFD School Volunteers (See EBAA and IFC)

KFD

School volunteers work under the school staff's direction with the principal's approval.

School volunteers are bound by the policies, rules and regulations of the district, serve without financial compensation and {are/are not} covered by workers' compensation.

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KG Use of School Facilities by Community Groups (See DFG and JH) KG

The board may allow use of school buildings and school grounds by community groups outside the school day. Use of any school facility or school grounds, however, shall not interfere with daily school use or any school-sponsored activity. Priority for facility use outside of the school day goes to use promoting student academic achievement. Notwithstanding the previous statement, the district shall provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups which are neither school sponsored nor co-curricular in nature.

Use in Accordance with Board Policies

As a condition to initial use of and continued access to district property and facilities, groups and/or organizations must follow Kansas law and board policy prohibiting the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco on district property and ensure individuals in attendance refrain from using such substances on district property as well. Failure to abide by this provision may result in a revocation of facility use privileges.

Fees and Rental Charges

The board shall establish reasonable fees and/or rental charges for the use of any school facility or school grounds; fees and/or rental charges will cover costs of wages of school personnel involved and utilities. The fee and/or rental charges shall be approved by the board and shall be reviewed annually.

Lease Arrangements

The board shall approve any lease arrangements.

KG Use of School Facilities by Community Groups

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Supervision of Non-School Groups

Whenever any school facility is used by non-school groups or individuals, a school employee {shall/may} be on duty to see that the building and equipment are properly used. A school employee may not be required to be on duty when, in the principal's opinion, it is not necessary.

Insurance and/or Bonds

The board, through its duly authorized agent, reserves the right to require bonds (cash or otherwise), insurance, or other damage deposits, acceptable to the board before allowing use of the schools' facilities. Use is subject to limited access and availability. Any damages occurring during use will be billed to the individual and/or organization renting the facility.

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KGA Use of District Personal Property and Equipment

KGA

Requests for use of district equipment by individuals or outside organizations shall be submitted to the superintendent. Any request shall be

granted or denied pursuant to guidelines for using equipment developed by the administrator and approved by the board. The superintendent may establish a deposit or require the purchase of insurance for use of school equipment before it is removed from the school grounds or other district property. The deposit will be paid to the principal (or/_____) and will be refunded when the equipment is returned in working order.

Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Property or Equipment

No request for use of school equipment shall be granted until the requestor executes a use agreement specifying such person will agree to pay the district fair market value for any equipment that has been lost, stolen, or has suffered irreparable damage while in the requestor's possession. For the purposes of this policy, "irreparable damage" shall include any damage severe enough that the cost to repair such equipment would be more than the fair market value of the equipment. If school equipment is returned damaged beyond normal wear and tear of acceptable use, the requestor shall be responsible for the cost to repair such equipment.

Personal Use

No district equipment shall be used by staff for personal reasons at school or away from its designated station without the prior approval of {the superintendent; the building principal; or_____}.

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USD ____ , Kansas

SCHOOL PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT USE PERMIT [Sample Only]

This permit authorizes use of the school equipment as listed. The person to whom this permit is issued (hereafter "Permittee") agrees to accept responsibility for care of the equipment and compliance with school board policy KGA as well as IIBG if Permittee is a student or employee of the district.

As a condition of use, Permittee agrees to pay the district fair market value for any equipment that has been lost, stolen, or has suffered irreparable damage while in Permittee's possession. If school equipment is returned damaged beyond normal wear and tear of acceptable use, Permittee agrees to reimburse the district for the cost to repair such equipment. No district reimbursement shall be assessed to Permittee for normal wear and tear of the equipment commensurate with acceptable use under policy KGA and policy IIBG if Permittee is a district student or employee.

Permittee Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone No. _____

Group or Organization Represented, if any: _____

Equipment Needed: _____

Date(s) of Use: _____

Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Insurance and Other Special District Requirements for Use: _____

Deposit Date and Amount Paid, if any: _____

Principal's Approval: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent's Approval: _____ Date: _____

This form must be signed by the permittee and presented to the person responsible for the equipment on the date(s) shown. Please read all the provisions and guidelines related to this agreement. I have read the School Personal Property and Equipment Use Permit above and relevant policies thereto, and I agree that I will be responsible to see that there is full compliance with them.

1st copy: Permittee's copy

2nd copy: Building Principal

3rd copy: District office

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Approved User (Permittee)

KGA Use of Service Center Personal Property and Equipment KGA

Requests for use of service center equipment by individuals or outside organizations shall be submitted to the director. Any request shall be granted or denied pursuant to guidelines for using equipment developed by the service center administration and approved by the board. The director may establish a deposit or require the purchase of insurance for use of service center equipment before it is removed from the service center grounds or other service center property. The deposit will be paid to the director (or/_____) and will be refunded when the equipment is returned in working order.

Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Property or Equipment

No request for use of service center equipment shall be granted until the requestor executes a use agreement specifying such person will agree to pay the service center fair market value for any equipment that has been lost, stolen, or has suffered irreparable damage while in the requestor's possession. For the purposes of this policy, "irreparable damage" shall include any damage severe enough that the cost to repair such equipment would be more than the fair market value of the equipment. If service center equipment is returned damaged beyond normal wear and tear of acceptable use, the requestor shall be responsible for the cost to repair such equipment.

Personal Use

No service center equipment shall be used by staff for personal reasons at the service center, any school to which the staff member is assigned, or away from its designated station without the prior approval of {the director or _____}.

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{SERVICE CENTER NAME}

_____, Kansas

**SERVICE CENTER PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT USE PERMIT [Sample
Only]**

This permit authorizes use of the service center equipment as listed. The person to whom this permit is issued (hereafter "Permittee") agrees to accept responsibility for care of the equipment and compliance with service center board policy KGA as well as IIBG if Permittee is a student or employee of the service center.

As a condition of use, Permittee agrees to pay the service center fair market value for any equipment that has been lost, stolen, or has suffered irreparable damage while in Permittee's possession. If service center equipment is returned damaged beyond normal wear and tear of acceptable use, Permittee agrees to reimburse the service center for the cost to repair such equipment. No service center reimbursement shall be assessed to Permittee for normal wear and tear of the equipment commensurate with acceptable use under policy KGA and policy IIBG if Permittee is a service center student or employee.

Permittee Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone No. _____

Group or Organization Represented, if any: _____

Equipment Needed: _____

Date(s) of Use: _____

Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Insurance and Other Special Service center Requirements for

Use: _____

Deposit Date and Amount Paid, if any: _____

Director's Approval: _____ Date: _____

This form must be signed by the permittee and presented to the person responsible for the equipment on the date(s) shown. Please read all the provisions and guidelines related to this agreement. I have read the Service Center Personal Property and Equipment Use Permit above and relevant policies thereto, and I agree that I will be responsible to see that there is full compliance with them.

1st copy: Permittee's copy

2nd copy: Service center office

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Approved User (Permittee)

KGC Bullying by Parents (See EBC, GAAE, JDDC, KGD)

KGC

The board of education, in its commitment to provide a positive and productive learning and working environment for its students and staff in accordance with state law, prohibits bullying in any form either by any student, staff member, or parent towards a student or by a student, staff member, or parent towards a staff member on or while using school property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event. For the purposes of this policy, the term "bullying" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Kansas law.

The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying as prohibited herein.

Parents participating in prohibited bullying conduct aimed at district students and/or staff members may jeopardize their access to district facilities; district property; school sponsored activities, programs, and events; and/or district students and/or staff members through the district's communication systems. As appropriate, reports to local law enforcement will be filed to report criminal bullying behaviors.

This policy and the district bullying plan {shall/may} be posted on the district's website and copies of such documents shall be made available to parents of current students upon request.

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**KGD Crowd Control at School Sponsored Activities
(See EBC and JCDBB)**

KGD

Disorder and disruption of school activities will not be tolerated, and persons attempting to endanger the safety of students, school personnel or other adults; to damage school property; to interfere with school activities or the educational process; will be asked to leave the premises.

The school administration and staff are responsible for handling any problem caused by adults or students. The final decision for determining if assistance is needed is the responsibility of the school principal. In the absence of the principal, the determination shall be made by the assistant principal or person designated to be in charge of the building or activity. The superintendent shall be notified of any serious problem at the school.

Criminal Possession of a Firearm

It shall be illegal for any person, other than a law enforcement officer, to possess a firearm in or on any school property, school grounds, or any district building or structure used for student instruction, or attendance or extracurricular activities of pupils, or at any regularly scheduled school sponsored activity or event. This prohibition includes concealed weapons even if the person has a legal permit. Appropriate signs shall be posted as directed by the board.

Refusal to surrender or immediately remove from school property or grounds, or any regularly scheduled school sponsored activity or event, any firearm in the possession of any person, when so requested or directed by an authorized school employee or any law enforcement officer shall be reported to law enforcement.

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KGD Disruptive Acts at School or School Activities (See EBC, GAAE, JCDBB, JDDC, and KGC)

KGD

Disruptive acts at school or school sponsored activities will not be tolerated. Persons threatening the safety of students, school personnel, or other persons; to damage school property; or to interfere with school or school activities or the educational process will be asked to leave the premises.

The school administration and staff are responsible for handling any disturbance caused by adults or students. The final decision for determining if assistance is needed is the responsibility of the superintendent or school principal. In the absence of these individuals, the determination shall be made by the assistant principal or person designated to be in charge of the building or

activity. The superintendent shall be notified of any serious problem at the school.

Possession of a Firearm

Unless otherwise required by law or authorized by board policy, no person other than a law enforcement officer shall possess a firearm on any district owned or operated property, within any district owned or operated building or facility; in a school vehicle or an employee's personal vehicle being used to transport students, or at any school sponsored activity, program, or event. This prohibition includes possession of concealed weapons even if the person has a valid concealed carry license in this state; however such prohibition shall not apply to the secured storage of a handgun in a district employee's own locked vehicle on school property so long as such employee holds a valid Kansas concealed carry license and such weapon is maintained out of plain sight.

KGD Disruptive Acts at School or School Activities

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Appropriate signs shall be conspicuously posted as directed by the board and required by law.

Anyone in violation of this policy shall be directed to leave the premises immediately and not return without prior approval from the building administrator or superintendent. Failure to comply with such order will result in a report to law enforcement.

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The superintendent or the superintendent's designee may deny access to the school buildings, facilities, and/or grounds of the district to persons who have no lawful business to pursue at the school, persons who are acting in a manner disruptive or disturbing to the normal educational functions of the school, or persons who are on school property in violation of Board and/or building policy. Administrative personnel may demand identification and evidence of qualification for access of anyone desiring to use or come upon the premises of the particular school or facility.

Persons, including parents or persons acting as parents, who have legitimate reasons for being on school property must nevertheless abide by policies adopted by the board and building policies specifically applicable to each school. Such building policies shall be published annually in the school handbook and shall be posted at the school in a conspicuous place visible to all who enter the premises. {Visitors must secure and wear a visitor's pass to enter school buildings during the school day.}

Anyone who refuses or fails to leave district buildings, facilities, and/or grounds after being requested to do so by an authorized district employee shall be considered to be trespassing in violation of Kansas law. In such case, the police will be contacted, and arrest and criminal charges may result.

The administration will determine if the individual who has been asked to leave a district building, facility, or grounds is allowed to return in the future. If the individual is not to return in the future, the appropriate "Trespass Notification" is to be sent to the individual.

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KH Gifts to Schools (See GAJ and JL)

KH

Any organization or individual making a gift to the district shall have the prior approval of the board. All gifts will be regarded as district property.

Persons or organizations desiring to make gifts to the schools should contact the superintendent.

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KK Sale of District Property (See DFM)

KK

The board may dispose of property in a manner the board deems to be in the district's best interest. Whenever excess district property is to be sold at auction, all sales shall be to the highest bidder. No credit shall be extended.

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KM Visitors to the School

KM

The board encourages patrons and parents to visit district facilities. Patron visits shall be scheduled with the teacher and the building principal.

Notices shall be posted in school buildings to require visitors to check in at the office before proceeding to contact any other person in the building or on the grounds.

Any person who visits a building and/or grounds of the district will be under the jurisdiction of the building principal who shall be responsible for developing rules and regulations governing the presence of visitors in the buildings.

The principal has authority to request assistance from law enforcement if any visitor to the district's buildings or grounds refuses to leave or creates a disturbance. Violation of this rule may lead to removal from the building or

grounds and denial of further access to the building or grounds. Violators of this board policy may be subject to the state trespass law.

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KN Complaints (See BCBI, GAACA, GAAB, GAAF, IF, IKD and JCE) KN

The board encourages all complaints regarding the district to be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level. Whenever a complaint is made directly to the board as a whole or to a board member as an individual, it will be referred to the administration for study and possible resolution.

Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or religion in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in the district's programs and activities is prohibited. Harassment of an individual on any of these grounds is also prohibited. (Position, address and phone number of compliance coordinator) has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Information concerning the provisions of these Acts, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the compliance coordinator.

Complaints About Discrimination or Discriminatory Harassment

Complaints of discrimination or discriminatory harassment by an employee should be addressed to the employee's supervisor, the building principal, or the district compliance coordinator. Complaints by a student should be addressed to the building principal, another administrator, the

guidance counselor, or another certified staff member. Any school employee who receives a complaint of discrimination or harassment from a student shall inform the student of the employee's obligation to report the complaint and

any proposed resolution of the complaint to the building principal. If the building principal is the alleged harasser, the complaint shall be reported to the district compliance coordinator. Complaints by any other person alleging discrimination should be addressed to the building principal or the district compliance coordinator. Complaints about discrimination, including complaints of harassment, will be resolved through the following complaint procedures:

Informal Procedures

The building principal shall attempt to resolve complaints of discrimination or harassment in an informal manner at the building level. Any school employee who receives a complaint of discrimination harassment from a student, another employee or any other individual shall inform the individual of the employee's obligation to report the complaint and any proposed resolution of the complaint to the building principal. The building principal shall discuss the complaint with the individual to determine if it can be resolved. If the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the individual, the building principal shall document the nature of the complaint and the proposed resolution of the complaint, and forward this record to the district compliance coordinator. Within 20 days after the complaint is resolved in this manner, the principal shall contact the complainant to determine if the resolution of the matter remains acceptable. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the individual in the meeting with the principal, or if the individual does not believe the resolution remains acceptable, the individual may initiate a formal complaint.

Formal Complaint Procedures

- A formal complaint should be filed in writing and contain the name and address of the person filing the complaint. The complaint should briefly describe the alleged violation. If an individual does not wish to file a written complaint and the matter has not been adequately resolved, the building principal may initiate the complaint. Forms for filing written complaints are available in each building office and the central office.
- A complaint should be filed as soon as possible after the conduct occurs, but not later than 180 days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation, unless the conduct forming the basis for the complaint is ongoing.
- If appropriate, an investigation shall follow the filing of the complaint. If the complaint is against the superintendent, the board shall appoint an investigating officer. In other instances, the investigation shall be conducted by the building principal, the compliance coordinator or another individual appointed by the board. The investigation shall be informal but thorough. All interested persons, including the complainant and the person against whom the complaint is lodged, will be afforded an opportunity to submit written or oral evidence relevant to the complaint.
- A written determination of the complaint's validity and a description of the resolution shall be issued by the investigator, and a copy forwarded to the complainant no later than 30 days after the filing of the complaint.
 - ◊ If the investigation results in a recommendation that a student be suspended or expelled, procedures outlined in board policy and state law governing student suspension and expulsion will be followed.
 - ◊ If the investigation results in a recommendation that an employee be suspended without pay or terminated, procedures outlined in board policy, the negotiated agreement or state law will be followed.
- Records relating to complaints filed and their resolution shall be forwarded to and maintained in a confidential manner by the district compliance coordinator.

- The complainant may appeal the determination of the complaint. Appeals shall be heard by the district compliance coordinator, a hearing officer appointed by the board, or by the board itself as determined by the board. The request to appeal the resolution shall be made within 20 days after the date of the written resolution of the complaint at the lower level. The appeal officer shall review the evidence gathered by the investigator and the investigator's report, and shall afford the complainant and the person against whom the complaint is filed an opportunity to submit further evidence, orally or in writing, within 10 days after the appeal is filed. The appeal officer will issue a written determination of the complaint's validity and a description of its resolution within 30 days after the appeal is filed.
- Use of this complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of any other remedies including the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

Complaints About Policy

The superintendent shall report any unresolved complaint about policies to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Complaints About Curriculum (See IF)

The superintendent shall report a failure to resolve any complaint about curriculum to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Complaints About Instructional Materials

The building principal shall report any unresolved complaint about instructional materials to the superintendent immediately after receiving the complaint.

Complaints About Facilities and Services

The superintendent shall report any unresolved complaint about facilities and services to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

The superintendent or the building principal involved shall report any unresolved complaint about personnel to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Complaints concerning the use of emergency safety interventions by district staff shall be addressed in accordance with the local dispute resolution process outlined in board policy GAAF.

U.S.D. No. _____

Complaint of Discrimination Form

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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What action do you believe the school should take with regard to this incident?	
If this matter proceeds to a formal or informal hearing, will you appear and testify as to your knowledge of the matter? ☐ Yes ☐ No	